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For: WAVEGUIDE IN A PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD AND METHOD OF FORMING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method comprising:
forming a trench in a substrate;
providing at least one metalized surface along said trench; and
applying a bonding surface having a metalized capping surface to said substrate such that said metalized capping surface is located over said trench having said at least one metalized surface.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claim 1 is amended. This Amendment is unrelated to issues of patentability. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

CONCLUSION

A prompt examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A method comprising:
forming a trench in a substrate;
providing at least one metalized surface along said trench; and
applying a bonding surface having a metalized capping surface to said substrate such
that said metalized capping surface is located over said trench having said at least one
metalized surface [so as to form a waveguide structure].